IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Aboul-Hosn et al.   Docket No.: 9261.16828-PCT US

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Title: Integrated Pump and Cannula Systems and Related Methods

PETITION FOR AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED BENEFIT CLAIM PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3)

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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Dear Sir:

Applicant requests to amend the benefit claim under 35 U.S.C. §120 of the above-noted application as follows in marked-up form:

This application claims the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e) of United States Provisional Patent App. Ser. No. 60/115,786, filed January 13, 1999, entitled "Integrated Pump and Cannula Assembly." This application is also a continuation-in-part of co-pending United States Patent App. Ser. No. 09/462,656, filed January 14, 2000, entitled "Transport Pump and Organ Stabilization Apparatus Including Related Methods," which is a continuation-in-part of United States Patent App. Ser. No. 08/933,566, filed September 19, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,083,260.

The benefit claim, amended as proposed, has been submitted in Applicant's Amendment A (filed 5 August 2004), a copy of which is attached.

Applicant states that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of 37 C.F.R. §1.78 and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

Applicant hereby petitions for acceptance of the unintentionally delayed benefit claim.

The requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(t) is submitted herewith.

Respectfully Submitted,

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